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NEWS and NOTES

Spring Meeting of ISTA

On April 17 and 18 ISTA will meet at Luther College in Decorah as the Science Teaching Section of the Iowa Academy of Science. The program will feature general sessions where noted scientists will address the Academy. During concurrent sessions the teaching section will be concerned with contributed papers from its membership. At the time of this writing over two dozen members have submitted titles of papers.

The sessions will encourage communications between Iowa science teachers and the Iowa scientific community. Since this is the first time ISTA will meet as a part of the Academy, special effort for attendance on the part of the membership is urged.

The program copy for the spring meeting will be arriving under separate cover. Study the program, explore the possibility of your participation with your administration, and plan to be a part of this promising meeting.

Junior Academy to Meet

The Iowa Junior Academy of Science will meet with the Iowa Academy of Science on April 18 in Decorah. Mr. Frank Starr of East High School in Waterloo reports that plans for a reorganized state meeting are nearly complete.

Winners from the Quad Cities Science Fair, Hawkeye Science Fair, Eastern Iowa Science Fair, the U.S. Army Science Symposium, the SCI Science Symposium, Iowa Science Talent Search Winners, and the Regional IX winners of the Ford-Future Scientists of America will be featured during concurrent sessions in the morning.

Noon sessions will include a joint recognition ceremonies with the Senior Academy and a joint keynote speaker. Afternoon sessions will include contributed papers from the IJAS membership.

Participation in these sessions should be a must for ISTA teachers interested in the NSF sponsored symposium for 1964-65. Plans of this program will be unveiled at the meeting.

New Members?

ISTA can still use more members! Have you done your job in locating one more professionally minded science teacher in Iowa? Our efforts, concerns, and recommendations will have much more impact when we truly represent a larger proportion of science teachers in the state. Our membership chairman, Lindy Solon of Ames, has plenty of membership forms; he will gladly add names to the membership

roster upon receipt of the form and payment of the \$5 dues.

Short-Course a Success

About 500 Iowa science teachers were involved with the ISU-ISTA Short-Course on March 6 and 7. A most successful program was set up and executed under the capable direction of Dr. Clark Bowen of the ISU Department of Botany and Plant Pathology. ISTA's president, Lyle Anderson, headed the association's delegation who assisted with several key parts of the sessions.

Special areas represented include: astronomy, biochemistry, biology, chemistry, geology, physical science, and physics. ISTA is most grateful that Iowa State University has expressed an interest in continuing with this worthwhile program and in cooperation with ISTA. Each year the short-course has increased in popularity as evidenced by the number of teachers registering for the sessions.

On Saturday afternoon 33 teachers availed themselves of the opportunity to take a conducted tour through the Animal Disease Laboratory as part of the Science Short Course. Dr. T. F. Sullivan made the tour very worthwhile by explaining something of how the laboratory is run and some of the problems which arise.



Ron Burton, Sioux City; Lewis Wells, Clarinda Jr. College; Roger Volker; Dr. T. F. Sullivan.

The officers of ISTA and the staff of the Journal join in thanking Dr. Clark Bowen for a most interesting and worthwhile Science Short Course. It is with regret that we learn that Dr. Bowen will no longer be heading up the Short Course, but we hasten to assure everyone that an able successor has been found in Dr. Donald Biggs whom many of us already know through our association on the Journal staff.

Iowa To Host Regional NSTA Meeting

Dean C. Stroud of Des Moines is the general chairman of a planning committee for the October 2 and 3 regional meeting